

## COVID-19 Vaccination Program Rolls Forward Details Announced on Phase 1b Schedule

BY ANDY HART

The light at the end of the long, dark COVID-19 tunnel is starting to grow a little brighter, but remains a quite a way off for many. The State of Connecticut's mass COVID-19 vaccination program is underway. Earlier this week, Governor Ned Lamont said Connecticut will be receiving approximately 45,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine a week.

Vaccines will be administered in a tiered system with those who are most at risk receiving the first doses. Currently, the state is in the first part of what is known as Phase 1b, which will involve the vaccination of approximately 1.4 million Connecticut residents. The schedule for this phase is as follows:

- NOW: Individuals over the age of 75
- Scheduling next (likely early February): Individuals between the ages of 65 and 74
- Scheduling soon (likely late February or early March): Frontline essential workers and individuals with underlying medical conditions who have an increased risk for severe illness

Staff and residents of congregate housing facilities will also be vaccinated throughout Phase 1b.

More information about the definitions of frontline essential workers and the list of

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## First Phase of “Hartford Free Wi-Fi” Project is Up and Running

BY DONNA SWARR

In July 2020, it was announced that the city of Hartford would build a free, citywide Wi-Fi network accessible to all residents.

The total capital investment was projected to be \$3.8 million. The Dalio Foundation and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving are each providing \$1.5 million, and the city will pay the balance of the project as well as the recurring costs of about \$100,000 per year for LTE connection. Lack of access to the internet has been a huge impediment for our youth attending school remotely. Hartford Foundation



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Walgreen's pharmacist Crystal Garosshen administers a COVID-19 vaccination to Sigfredo Lisboa, an employee at The Retreat, an elderly housing complex on Retreat Avenue, managed by the Community Renewal Team, CRT. Approximately 130 residents and staff members were vaccinated at the facility last Friday. Vaccinations of staff and residents of large congregate housing complexes is part of Phase 1b of the state's vaccination plan. (Hart photo)

## Hartford...Once Upon a Time



About 15 minutes after 4:00 am on the morning of January 18, 1978, an elderly security guard at the Hartford Civic Center began to hear a long, low, loud rumble followed by a tremendous crash. The roof of the Hartford Civic Center Colliseum had collapsed onto the floor below. The security guard was not injured, nor were any of the handful of other people who were in the building at the time. The story would have been a lot different had the roof collapsed a few hours earlier; when over 4,700 people were sitting in the arena to watch a University of Connecticut basketball game. Still, the roof collapse was devastating for Hartford. The Civic Center had opened just a few years earlier in 1975. It had taken four years to build and cost approximately \$30 million. It was seen by many as the savior of Downtown Hartford, which was starting to decline as a retail center with the rise of suburban shopping malls. The Civic Center contained not only the arena for sports and concerts but also a shopping mall and an exhibition hall. The arena's roof was built with a revolutionary new design, popularly known as the space frame. But it was later ruled that flaws in that design caused its ultimate collapse. At the time of the disaster, the roof was heavily burdened with snow and rainwater and many people believed this had caused it to cave in. Construction on a new roof with a more conventional design soon began and the rebuilt arena opened in 1980. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford History Center; Hartford Public Library)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Food Distribution Resumes at Rentschler Field

Foodshare has resumed emergency food distribution at Rentschler Field, 615 Silver Lane, East Hartford, every Tuesday from 9:30 am - 1pm. Residents of Hartford and Tolland Counties are eligible for one package of food each week for their families. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, Foodshare has distributed over six million meals in central Connecticut. To make a donation, go to Foodshare.org

### Hartford Contest for Creative Kids

If your child has some extra time, is distance learning, or in a hybrid situation, you're probably looking for fun and educational opportunities. If you live in Hartford, or if your child attends school in Hartford, check out the HARTFORD ANNUAL CREATIVE CONTEST – submissions are being accepted now for Essays, Poems and Artwork. Go to: <https://hartfordcontest.com/> for more information. Cash prizes are awarded for the winners in every category with a grand prize of \$500.

### Sign Up Now for Police Athletic League

The Hartford Police Athletic League (PAL) is now taking registrations from Hartford students. Registration is free. The program runs through June, Monday through Friday, 3:30-7:30 pm. Activities include homework assistance, field trips, arts and crafts and numerous sports, including basketball, baseball, softball, hockey and golf. Open to boys and girls. For more information, call Officer Vinny at 860-757-4305.

### Hartford Police Explorers Taking New Members

Hartford youth between the ages of 13-20 who are interested in a career in law enforcement can now sign up for the Hartford Police Explorers program. The program provides training in law enforcement, social activities, leadership training, physical fitness programs, outdoor activities and more. You must maintain at least a C average in school, have no criminal record and be willing to attend explorer activities and commit to a code of conduct and uphold the image of the Hartford Police Department. You will also

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# KITCHEN COMFORTS

## The joy of retro cooking: Why I like it slow

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIKIAN

I have my mother’s rolling pin, the rock maple worn smooth as satin and the handles still bearing traces of the original red paint. Hundreds of pounds of piecrust dough have been rolled and pressed into perfect circles with it, starting before I was born. I would watch her flour the kitchen table in our 4-room



flat at 62 Sisson Avenue as she began the preparation for one of her apple, chocolate cream, or lemon meringue pies. After she trimmed the edges of the unbaked crusts there was enough for a small ball left over. Then it was my turn to roll that out and fit it into a 5-inch pie plate, fill it, and bake it for my father’s lunch box the next day. She never baked with a pre-made crust—and neither have I.

When she whipped cream, it was heavy cream with a little sugar and vanilla that came together with a hand-held chilled rotary egg beater in a chilled bowl. That’s how I do it, too. No Reddi-whip or Cool Whip (yuck!) “topping” has ever graced my desserts. Gravy comes from pan drippings, not jars. Dishes that require chopped vegetables require that I chop them, not buy them pre-chopped at three times the cost at Stop & Shop.

Coffee is brewed in a pot. Keurig pods are to coffee what “plant-based” burgers are to ground round. Scratch cooking and baking is work, a time-consuming process and certainly not “convenient”. But it’s a labor of love that for me is an almost Zen-like ritual. Simmering, sauteing, stirring, is gustatorial foreplay, a carnival for the senses that builds anticipation. I’m not what anyone would call a “gourmet” cook or a food snob, more like an instinctive cook. I’m amazed by the proliferation of pouches of “meal starters” and blister packs of “spice & herb blends” in the grocery store. And if my hamburger needs a helper, I’m capable of finding the simple ingredients in my own kitchen, not in a box.

Yes, I’m old school and happy about it. Gadgets and electric countertop appliances don’t live at my place. My older son used to rag on me for not wanting a microwave oven. I finally got one about 7 years ago, and it makes a nice kitchen clock. Slow cooker? Nope, I am the original slow cooker. It builds character, patience, and strong arms, perfumes the house, and makes me go “Ahhh!” Bon appetit!

# Climate Justice? Or Simply Justice?

COMMENTARY BY TOM SWARR

In a previous article I asked, “How do you get people to think about climate change during a pandemic?” The answer is you don’t — particularly in disadvantaged communities of color. The pandemic has laid bare the gross inequities in our society. Redressing these injustices is a much more compelling basis for community engagement in Hartford.

The Governor’s Council on Climate Change (GC3) was specifically tasked with prioritizing an equitable distribution of costs and benefits of climate mitigation and adaption, specifically addressing disproportionate impacts on vulnerable environmental justice communities. The disparities in illness and death caused by COVID has made it impossible to ignore the relative vulnerability of poor communities of color. Climate change will also cause significant impacts on these same communities. Low income, substandard housing, racial discrimination, education levels, proximity to environmental hazards, limited access to healthy food, and so on are some of the social determinants of health that underly these disparate impacts.

GC3 empaneled an Equity & Environmental Justice workgroup to address these concerns and ensure all communities had a meaningful role in the policy process and in creating plans that affected their well-being. The key recommendations of the workgroup were to:

- develop and fund a community engagement strategy to inform the 2021 GC3 planning process, and

- develop and use a statewide environmental mapping tool, and
- prioritize mitigation actions for low- to moderate-income communities, and
- fund municipalities to develop their own adaptation plans to address disparities for vulnerable communities using the mapping tool.

The full report is available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/climatechange/GC3/GC3-working-group-report-111320.pdf>.

The E&EJ group noted that communities of color were not at the table to advocate for their needs, and as the saying goes, “If you do not have a seat at the table, you’re on the menu.” At the same time, they acknowledged that “people have limited social, financial, emotional, and time resources.” Thus, it would be necessary to identify community leaders able to stay engaged to act as representatives for their community. A practical effort would require funding,

partnerships with community-based non-profits, and extensive training for neighborhood representatives.

But would even this be enough to correct past injustices and compensate for the lack of political power? Would the disadvantaged come to the table even if invited? And which table? The recommendations of the GC3 are only the first step. These will be

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# Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues Facing our Region & State

BY MIKE MCGARRY

## Katharine Hepburn’s Neighborhood

*Columnist’s Note: For a few weeks this column will discuss positive signs in our city.*

Back in the 1990s, Mayor Mike Peters had a shout-out, “Where are the cranes?” Well, with cooperation (and big investment) from Governor Rowland, a willing state legislature

hood Alliance (NINA), again with a collaboration of support from the state, city and private donors has just broken ground for two more attractive townhouses facing the area on Hawthorn Street that was once the home of Katharine Hepburn.

NINA has already built two of these townhomes, 86-88 Hawthorn,



and a bi-partisan Hartford City Council, the cranes were soon rising in Hartford. The initiative was called “Six Pillars Plus,” and included several public buildings and a massive change in public housing with an emphasis on homeownership marked those years.

Today, just as important, are the backhoes digging new foundations for a whole new neighborhood — where Katharine Hepburn, Mark Twain, the Hooker Family, and Harriet Beecher Stowe — congregated in the Victorian era.

Northside Institutions Neighbor-

and these are the beginning of what, hopefully, will be a row of Victorian-style homes all the way to Sigourney Street. This whole area changed with the Habitat for Humanity homes on South Marshall and Laurel Streets, and with the CT FasTrak station at Sigourney Street and Hawthorn Street. Just think of the potential.

Vestiges of the past still remain. For example, the Hooker House (shared by Mark Twain in the 1870s) still stands (at right in photo of new construction). And many large historic properties line the east side of

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## Trump Stuff and Conversations

BY BILL KATZ

As I recently waited in a local store to pay for merchandise, the owner engaged in chit chat with a customer.

**Customer:** “Yeah, I got banned again.” (The remark was in reference to posting online comments.)

**Store Owner:** “Again?”

**Customer:** “Yeah, anytime I say anything about democrats, I get deleted or banned.”

This brief overheard conversation got my little mind working. In my opinion, the topics much talked about are references to political accusations of Trump to the “stolen election” and fraudulent vote counting, extremely serious accusations coming from a man in a position that should be a unifier rather than a divider.

We have picked a few doozies for president in my time, namely, a paranoid Nixon, and a W. Bush who invaded a non-hostile nation only because his daddy was allegedly threatened by Saddam after the first invasion of Iraq. But those two presidents were only a Mickey Mouse warm-up to Donald Duck

Trump, who I would liken to a combination of Cambodian leader Pol Pot, Hitler and of course Mickey Mouse all rolled into one egregious defect of human character.

Trump didn’t invent political anger and divisiveness. But he has stoked the embers. And this all leads of course, to publishing another one of my satires on Trump from my book, “Donald’s Vanity Tantrums,” now available through Barnes UConn or from me directly for \$15.95. I’ll ship it for free or personally deliver it and my contact is text at 860-956-2844

## Beam Me Up, Scotty: Scott Pruitt's "New Agency for Holistic Standards

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If anyone gets into trouble in the Trump administration, just wait a few days until someone else gets into more trouble! A new disaster always comes waltzing in to take center stage and nudge out the current intolerable mess. Trump hops

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# The Civilian Crisis Response Team Needs YOU

BY DONNA SWARR

On Saturday, January 16th, a Town Hall was live streamed on Mayor Ronin's Facebook page, where the Civilian Crisis Response Team shared its progress and put out a request for community input and feedback, by way of a survey.

The goal is to provide a different kind of intervention than has been used in the past to handle situations that involve mental health crises, substance use, and minor disputes. The Advisory Team includes people from organizations that provide support services in our community as well as City of Hartford staff. Patricia McIntosh is the project manager. City of Hartford staff members include; the Mayor, Chief of Police, Director of Emergency Services & Telecommunications, City Council Chair of Health & Human Services, Fire Chief, and the Director of H&HS, Community partners from St Francis Healthcare, Emergency Services Chairman, Hartford Healthcare, former Health Director Gary Ruhle, Capitol Region Mental Health Center and a professor from the University of St. Joseph. The role of the advisors is to assess current services in Hartford, review existing models, and make

recommendations. The following providers of mental health and drug abuse crisis services were consulted about existing services for improvement and implementation of providing crisis interventions. They included Capitol Mental Health, Wheeler Clinic, CABLE, City of Hartford ES & T, City of New Haven, and the EMS providers Aetna and American Medical Response.

Over twenty models across the country and international examples of non-law and law enforcement models were reviewed. Most of the models are relatively new and there will be limited experience available. Five models were highlighted; CAHOOTS, ACORNS, RIGHT, Albuquerque Community Safety Department, and PAM. CAHOOTS is an independent organization outside of the police or city government. Calls from 911 are sent to the organization and in 99% of the cases responders go without law enforcement. ACORNS is a team within the police department composed of police and social workers. RIGHT's model has a licensed clinician in the 911 call center to

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## A Sign of our Troubled Times on Washington Street

Following an FBI alert that possibly violent protests were being planned at all 50 state capitols in the days leading up to the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden on January 20, the Connecticut National Guard was activated to assist Hartford and State Capitol Police in protecting the State Capitol and other major government buildings this past week. National Guard troopers are shown above on Washington Street, guarding the Hartford County Courthouse. Hartford Department of Public Works trucks were also brought in to serve as barricades in case an attack was made on the Capitol. The show of force was in response to the attack made on the U.S. Capitol on January 6 by supporters of President Donald Trump. Following the attack, officials in charge of the capitol's security were criticized for underestimating the threat and allowing the first hostile occupation of the building in 209 years. But at the Connecticut State Capitol, no threat has yet to materialize. Only a handful of protesters appeared at the capitol over the weekend. The only serious confrontation visible was between two dogs (below) on Capitol Avenue, which had been closed to traffic. (Hart photos)



## How I Learned About Hartford's Past Through Its Parks

BY MARY F. DEHAIS, CANP, LANDSCAPE DESIGNER

Most of the general public is unaware that the City of Hartford has over 50 parks. They comprise around 2,260 acres and range from large parks, to cemeteries, to small neighborhood parks, and to greens. They vary in size, shape, type, location, topography, recreational amenities, and park attractions. In 2015, the City of Hartford embarked on a mission to develop a signage program to identify, brand, and unify the diverse properties that form the Hartford Park System.

Over the last year and a half, I've had the privilege of managing phase 2 of this project. Being the project manager has proved fulfilling for me in many ways. I had the opportunity to form professional and personal relationships with city staff, and civic and non-profit organizations. Through my research and working with these organizations, I learned a great deal about the rich history of each park that culminated into a deep understanding of the City of Hartford as a whole.

Signs feature Bushnell Park's history to educate visitors in appreciating the value of the park. The project management process consisted of developing graphical sign content and overseeing the installation in each park. As you can imagine, there are many moving parts to juggle and keep track of: We coordinated with civic and non-profit organizations of each regional/large park. These groups are an extension of the city, responsible for preserving, protecting, and enhancing these parks. We also conducted site visits to determine the location and orientation of each sign in each park, and determined and developed the content of each sign by



conducting research, writing park histories, locating appropriate images, and producing rendered park maps.

It also entailed managing the

project schedule and installing the signs. Although there was much to organize, seeing the final signs erected in each park was wonderful.

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OBITUARY

Gary Pinedo



*A good friend of The Hartford News has passed away, Gary Pinedo. Gary worked for the paper for a brief time and also assisted us with various projects. He was a popular local Spanish radio personality and often served as master of ceremonies at various community events. His warm smile, booming laugh and constant upbeat attitude will be missed by all who know him. Rest in peace, Gary.*

Gary Pinedo Ricofer, 70, husband of Elsa Velasco Pinedo, passed away January 8, 2021 in Hartford Hospital. He was born in Lima Peru on July 22, 1950 and left with his family in 1962 to move to Hartford. In 1969 he graduated as a fashion designer in Manhattan, NY and worked in the fashion industry for 13 years. Gary also created his rolling disco “Gary’s Salt & Pepper” to be the best representative of Peruvian and international music. He worked at several stations before becoming a sales executive with WLAT-Latino 1230 radio, eventually becoming Sales Manager. Gary went on to be a Radio Personality at WRYM-840AM radio hosting shows such as Good Morning Connecticut and Añoranzas Peruanas. He received recognition from the New England Salsa Music Awards, the Office of the Connecticut Secretary of State, and Mayor Eddie Perez of Hartford.

Besides his wife, Gary leaves his son Gary Pinedo and his wife Ada Rivera of Wethersfield, his daughters Jessica Evans and her husband George of Manchester, Melissa Gonzalez and her husband Ramon of West Hartford and Dena Esther Velasco of Hartford and eight grandchildren, Alessandra, Amanda, David, Zoe, George, Mia, Ramon and Gavin.

Friends may call on Tuesday January 12, 2021 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Rd. Wethersfield. Masks must be worn and social distancing will be observed. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Gary’s life will be held on Friday January 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM in Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 79 New Park Ave. Hartford. Burial will be private. Memorial donations in Gary’s name may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or [stjude.org/donate](http://stjude.org/donate).

OBITUARY

Patricia Mae Williams

Former Hartford Deputy City Manager



Patricia Mae Williams, 73, of West Hartford CT, passed away January 13, 2021. She was born in Des Moines, Iowa on December 8, 1947 to the late James Williams and Daisey (Burkett) Williams. Ms. Williams leaves to cherish her memory, life partner of 23 years, Mary A Young; son, Jason Williams of Berkeley, CA; stepson, Eric Calloway of Enfield, CT; sisters, Barbara S. Williams and Sharon K. Brown of Des Moines, IA; grandsons, Rock Williams and Zen Williams of Oakland, CA; and an extremely large host of relatives, friends & community. She was predeceased by her brothers, Carl E. Williams, James E. Williams, Sr., Gerald R. Williams, and Alonzo Q. Williams, Sr.

Ms. Williams’ parents deeply believed that education and community involvement were the key to success for the African American Community, and they energetically stressed, shared, sacrifice and shared responsibility to their seven (7) children. Family unity, freedom rides, many marches and fiery oratory shaped the vision of Patricia Williams’ generation and emphasized the responsibility to use one’s talents in service to the community.

Her involvement in 60’s era civil rights encouraged her to fulfill the parental education mandate by enrolling at the University of Iowa, in 1966, and she completed her education in Urban and Regional Planning. She relocated from her native Iowa to Hartford, CT and began her career in 1973 as an Urban Planner for the Capitol Region Council of Governments, writing zoning and land use regulations for cities and towns in the area.

Following a three-year period as the Town Planner in the Town of Glastonbury, in 1978 she become the Director of City Planning for the City of Hartford; the first woman and first minority in both positions. Her over twenty (20) years as Director of City Planning and subsequently as Deputy City Manager introduced her to many organizations across the city for which she would volunteer from that point up to her passing.

Retiring from City service beginning in 2002, Ms. Williams began a short-lived respite from her hectic schedule. In early 2003 Ms. Williams was offered a new challenge and accepted the opportunity to re-build one of the City’s public housing developments as Project Manager. Thus, working closely with the community, Ms. Williams led the relocation and redevelopment of the Dutch Point Colony housing development from 2003 through 2008.

Following this fulfilling activity, Ms. Williams returned to retirement and continued her participation in community matters. Up until her passing, she participated on many levels for a multitude of organizations however focused her energies primarily in the Upper Albany neighborhood. She was very active with the Upper Albany Neighborhood Collaborative serving on the board from its inception and headed innumerable programs. Additionally, she was involved in Upper Albany Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, University of Hartford University Park Committee, Upper Albany Development, Inc., Hartford Housing Authority Westbrook Village Local Planning

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Trinity College and PRAC:  
A Winning Combination

BY DONNA SWARR

In the winter of 2017, Craig Mergins, (the past Chair of Hartford’s Park and Recreational Advisory Committee) and I were approached by Caroline Feeney, who was writing a paper about our city’s parks. From that paper, “A Fractured Legacy: The Governance, Goals and Guides of the Hartford Park System”, a beautiful partnership formed. Since that time, four more research studies were conducted in collabo-

perspective of economic development and provides an overview of the project. For me, it was a cathartic experience to read it, as I was heavily involved with the project as a community advocate, as the representative of Colt Park on PRAC, and as the president of the Friends of Colt Park. It was a long, weary journey, ad not over yet. This spring will—hopefully--begin our first full year of community use since the renovations.



ration at the request of PRAC. Additionally, many environmental class projects which included experiential learning opportunities have had a beneficial outcome for our parks. This collaborative relationship was put on the back burner due to the pandemic, or so I thought. In mid-December Daniel Kane, a graduate student in an Urban Studies class, reached out to me for an interview about Colt Park construction projects and Dillon Stadium. He also interviewed David Rozza, another PRAC Commissioner.

Daniel provided me with his final paper, “Prioritizing Community Needs: A Study of Stadium Construction in Hartford” which can be found on the Friends of Colt Park Facebook page, under Files. To entice you to read his full paper I’ve presented a synopsis at the end of this article. It’s from the

Dillon Stadium’s legacy continues.

“As cities across the country continue to search for drivers of economic growth, many have invested massive amounts of public money into sport stadium construction and renovation. While proponents of these investments argue that they create jobs, promote new spending, and encourage community pride, the data demonstrates otherwise. Scholars are unified in their critique of public subsidies for sports stadiums, usually finding the economic impact of these investments dubious, if not downright deleterious. However, their studies have almost always focused exclusively on the “big four” sports leagues—the MLB, NBA, NFL, and NHL—and large metropolitan areas. If

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Christmas Tree Collection

Hartford Department of Public Works will begin picking up Christmas trees at curbside on your regular trash day, beginning through Friday, February 5th. Christmas trees are not considered a bulky item. For further information, please call Hartford 311 at 860-757-9311. Staff Available Monday – Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm.

Community Hope Garden Hearts Now Available, Reserve One Today

This past holiday season was very different for many Hartford families due to Covid-19. As you safely celebrate this holiday season, the City of Hartford wants to remind you of the wooden hearts available for those who have lost someone due to the pandemic, which you may place at any of the Community Hope Gardens throughout the city. Visit [www.hartfordct.gov/hopegardens](http://www.hartfordct.gov/hopegardens) to reserve your heart today and view the locations that they can be placed in Spring 2021. Call Hartford 311 at 860-757-9311 for more details.

New City Walking Group Forming

Hartford City Strollers, a virtual and socially distanced walking group, has been created to encourage physical activity among Hartford residents by the Hartford Rec Division and the Hartford Health Dept. In addition to walks, the group will meet via Zoom to share healthy recipes, trail suggestions, games, contests, and more. To join the group and find new locations for a nice walk, go to Facebook, or Instagram and search for "Hartford City Strollers."

Civilian Crisis Response Team

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screen calls and determine the composition of the response team. Albuquerque’s model is a separate department within the municipal government, with a dedicated call line to respond to calls regarding inebriation, homelessness, addiction, and mental health. PAM is a program in Sweden that has a dedicated health ambulance to respond to mental health issues with a focus on suicidal behavior. The Advisory Board has been deliberating on the following: Where should the crisis response team be located, who should be on the response team, should a clinician be embedded in the 911 call center, and how does the environment of the model impact its effectiveness? Hartford resident and activist Joanna Iovino commented that “A specific rubric should be created outlining de-escalation steps as well as the use of physical or chemical restraints in emergency situations. The crisis response team must

be as autonomous as possible (no ride-alongs, no working side-by-side in an office with law enforcement) to avoid the influence of the police environment on service providers. She added that “Any planning including "stakeholders" must include not only professionals and organizations but consumers of mental health/ addiction treatment services and their family members.”

The team is planning that the new solution will be in place in 6 months. Surveys were sent out to a variety of stakeholders. Focus Groups will be held to get feedback from substance abuse, violence and conflict prevention, homelessness. and youth engagement providers. The Advisory Board is reaching out to the community for input and feedback. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HM3LMRB> (English), <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HFQN8RX> (Spanish), and respond to share your thoughts and concerns.

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most cities do not have a major professional sports team, what do these findings mean for them? Are stadium investments always a bad idea? The answer may be no. There is reason to believe that controlled spending on local stadiums can be a key component of

economic and, especially, community development efforts in many small and medium sized cities. When we turn our attention away from the alarming price tags of the oversized superdomes and towards the familiar community fields, we recognize that sports stadiums can provide benefits to the cities they call home.”

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## Residentes de Connecticut de 75 años o más pueden registrarse para recibir vacuna contra el covic -19



Los residentes de Connecticut que tienen 75 años o más ahora son elegibles para recibir una vacuna COVID-19 y pueden programar una cita en línea y pronto podrán llamar a la Línea de Asistencia para Citas de Vacunas COVID de Connecticut.

A medida que comience la fase 1b del lanzamiento de la vacuna contra el coronavirus, el estado dará prioridad a las personas de 75 años o más, pero el gobernador ampliará este grupo en las próximas semanas para incluir también a los residentes de 65 años o más y a los residentes de entre 16 y 64 años de edad. tienen condiciones de salud subyacentes que los ponen en mayor riesgo de contraer el virus.

La fase 1b también incluye:

- Residentes y personal de entornos congregados (aproximadamente 50.000 personas); y
- Trabajadores esenciales de primera línea (aproximadamente 325.000 personas).
- El estado insta a las personas a ser pacientes y dijo que una cita

podría llevar tiempo.

- A partir del 14 de enero, solo los residentes mayores de 75 años pueden programar una cita.

Debido a los suministros limitados de la vacuna COVID-19, se necesitarán algunas semanas para proporcionar la vacuna a todos los que sean elegibles para esta próxima fase, según el estado. Las personas deben programar una cita para recibir una vacuna, lo que requiere el registro en la plataforma en línea.

Si ya ha tenido noticias de su proveedor médico acerca de recibir la vacuna, no necesita hacer nada más, según el estado. Les piden a los residentes que no se comuniquen con su médico o proveedor médico sobre la vacuna si no se han comunicado con usted.

### Cómo programar una vacuna COVID-19

A través de un proveedor: las personas de 75 años en adelante pueden programar a través de un proveedor listo para la distribución pública de la vacuna a los residentes elegibles.

El estado dice que más de 100 proveedores de atención médica en todo el estado están ofreciendo vacunas COVID. Todas las ubicaciones requieren programación y registro previos; no se permitirán visitas sin cita previa.

UConn Health: ubicaciones de las clínicas en Farmington

UConn Health también ha lanza-

do una nueva línea de programación de vacunas COVID-19 al 860-679-5589.

Hartford Healthcare: varias ubicaciones en todo el estado

Hartford Healthcare dijo que las personas pueden reservar citas en las clínicas de vacunas de Hartford HealthCare en Wethersfield; Norwich; Shelton; y Hartford. Se agregarán más sitios.

Se establece una línea directa donde las personas pueden hacer preguntas sobre MyChart: 860-972-4993 o por correo electrónico: MyCHARTPLUSsupport@hhchealth.org

Ubicaciones de Walgreens: Se ofrecerán vacunas en una pequeña cantidad de tiendas minoristas.

En línea: las personas de 75 años en adelante que tengan una dirección de correo electrónico y la capacidad de programar una cita en línea pueden hacerlo a través del Sistema de Gestión de Administración de Vacunas (VAMS) en línea.

Los miembros de la familia también pueden enviar información en línea para sus seres queridos.

Se puede acceder a muchos proveedores a través del sistema de programación VAMS, que incluyen:

- Trinity Health of New England (hospitales y otros lugares)
- Hospital Griffin

## Abre en east Hartford la clinica de vacuna de Covid-19 c-19 de auto servicio más grande del estado

La pista Whitney en Runway Road se ha convertido en una clínica de vacunación masiva de auto servicio de 10 carriles. Hay varios carteles grandes que indican a los conductores cómo regresar desde Silver Lane.

La vacuna de Pfizer será administrada allí por el Centro de Salud Comunitario.

Las vacunas estarán disponibles con cita previa solo para aquellos que se encuentren en las fases 1a y 1b, que incluyen a los trabajadores de la salud, los socorristas y las personas mayores de 75 años.

A partir del lunes, las personas de 75 años o más con cita previa podrán vacunarse.

“El estado de Connecticut ha prometido que continuarán asegurándose de que tengamos suficiente suministro aquí. Creo que todos estamos preocupados por la oferta nacional. Con la nueva administración de Biden, creo que van a trabajar muy duro para asegurarse de que haya suministros ade-

- Salud Nuvance
- Hospital de Stamford
- Hospital de Bristol
- Departamentos de salud locales
- Centros de salud calificados a nivel federal

Por teléfono: Aquellos sin acceso a Internet pueden llamar a la Línea de asistencia para citas de vacunas COVID de Connecticut al 877-918-2224.

El sistema telefónico fue creado en asociación con el Departamento de Salud Pública y United Way de Connecticut y está específicamente diseñado para brindar apoyo a los beneficiarios de vacunas elegibles que tienen acceso limitado a la tecnología, o que tienen barreras de idioma, discapacidad u otras barreras que podrían impedirles utilizando las opciones de autoprogramación existentes con éxito.

La línea atenderá llamadas de lunes a viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 4:30 p.m. y ofrecerá una opción de devolución de llamada cuando todos los especialistas en contacto estén ocupados atendiendo a otras personas que llaman. El equipo tratará de devolver las llamadas lo antes posible, con el objetivo de responder el mismo día, pero debe estar preparado para que pueda llevar varios días. *By Iris Rodríguez*

## COVID Vaccination

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eligible underlying medical conditions will be made available in the next several weeks.

Persons over 75 can now schedule a vaccination at Hartford HealthCare (Hartford Hospital) by going to: hartfordhealthcare.org/vaccine; or UConn Health at: mychart.uconn.edu/mychart/Authentication/Login.

People over 75 who prefer to make appointments over the phone may reach a Hartford HealthCare vaccine help line at (860) 972-4993. UConn Health asks anyone having trouble with the online portal to call (860) 679-4400.

The State of Connecticut is also getting ready for high-volume vaccinations as more and more people become eligible for the vaccine. On Monday, a mass-vaccination center began operations at the old Pratt & Whitney Airport in East Hartford. When fully operational, this center will be able to vaccinate 7,000-10,000 people per week.

As of Sunday, January 17, approximately 221,000 doses of the vaccine have been administered in Connecticut since the program's inception. Connecticut has administered 71 percent of the total doses it has received from the federal government, including 92 percent of doses allocated for all healthcare organizations and local health departments, placing the state in the top five of states for administering the COVID-19 vaccine.

For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 vaccination distribution plans in Connecticut, visit ct.gov/covidvaccine.

## Mike McGarry

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Forest Street just around the corner.

Now, with the I-84 viaduct project put off for 20 years at least, it may be time for the real vision it will take to develop the overgrown and abandoned Arrow-Hart property, which is located across the street from the new townhomes NINA is building. With almost 7 acres of city-owned land, this property could be the next big step in the rebuilding of this part of the Asylum Hill neighborhood.

Given the success of the Goodwin Estates, Allyn Place and Downtown Hartford luxury apartments, the highest and best use of land between Hawthorn and the highway would be a gated community aimed at a market that would add significant taxes, new affluent homeowners and a high-visibility spur to city-wide progress.

The current investment shows the way. 86 Hawthorn sold for over \$225,000 and, as the area continues to develop, it should increase in value even more. An attractive development with plenty of landscaping on the old Arrow Hart property fits the bill and should be a priority.

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